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- 1. U.S. STRONGLY SUPPORTS RLG REQUEST FOR INCREASED FRENCH CONTRIBUTION TO FEOF CY 1973. U.S. PLANNED CONTRIBUTION CY 1973 IS 16.1 MILLION DOLLARS. FRENCH SCHEDULED CONTRIBUTION IS 1.9 MILLION DOLLARS. HOWEVER, IT SHOULD BE NOTED THAT FRENCH CONSISTENTLY HAVE DESTERILIZED 100 PERCENT KIP PROCEEDS FROM THEIR CONTRIBUTION AFTER MEETING MINIMAL ONE-YEAR STERILIZATION PROVISION.
- 2. RLG ALSO HAS APPROACHED JAPANESE AND AUSTRALIANS IN HOPE OBTAIN ADDITIONAL CY 1973 CONTRIBUTION. JAPANESE HAVE NOT YET RESPONDED BUT IT IS POSSIBLE THAT UP TO 2 MILLION DOLLARS WILL BE SECURED FROM GOJ, THUS RAISING JAPANESE CONLIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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TRIBUTION FOR CY 1973 TO 5 MILLION DOLLARS. THE AUSTRALIAN

CONTRIBUTION FOR CY 1973 IS .9 MILLION DOLLARS. IT IS UNLIKELY TO BE INCREASED.

- 3. AT THIS TIME THE U.S. DOES NOT CONTEMPLATE INCREASING ITS ALREADY OVERWHELMINGLY PREPONDERANT SHARE OF FEOF FUNDING FOR CY 1973 GIVEN THE FUNDING STRINGENCIES LIKELY FOR FY 1974.
- 4. IT SHOULD BE NOTED THAT THE RLG IS TAKING SELF-HELP MEASURES BY MAKING AVAILABLE ITS FOREIGN EXCHANGE EARNINGS TO FEOF. PERHAPS 2 MILLION DOLLARS MORE THAN ORIGINALLY WAS CONTEMPLATED WILL BE PROVIDED BY THE RLG IN CY 1973, RAISING THEIR TOTAL CONTRIBUTION TO 2.8 MILLION DOLLARS.
- 5. IN SUM, IT WOULD APPEAR APPROPRIATE FOR FRANCE TO PARTIALLY COMPENSATE FOR ITS KIP DESTERILIZATION BY PROVIDING AT MINIMUM ADDITIONAL 1 MILLION DOLLARS TO FEOF IN CY 1973 REGARDLESS OF ACTIONS TAKEN BY OTHER FEOF DONORS. KISSINGER

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